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Title : **METHOD OF USING A MASK PROGRAMMED KEY TO SECURELY
CONFIGURE A FIELD PROGRAMMABLE GATE ARRAY**
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 17, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.

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